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By: **Senators Bromwell and Collins (Baltimore County Administration)**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - The Maryland School for the Blind**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt ~~in the amount of~~ not to
4 exceed \$300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to The Maryland School for
5 the Blind for certain acquisition, development, or improvement purposes;
6 providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that
7 the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; requiring the grantee to grant
8 and convey to the Maryland Historical Trust a certain kind of easement; and
9 providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
11 MARYLAND, That:

12 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on
13 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as The Maryland
14 School for the Blind Loan of 1999 in ~~the a~~ total principal amount of ~~\$300,000~~ equal to
15 the lesser of (i) \$300,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided in
16 accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale,
17 and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board
18 of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through
19 8-124 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

20 (2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold as
21 a single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds under
22 § 8-122 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

23 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer
24 and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and

1 delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then
2 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the
3 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable
4 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to The Maryland School for the Blind
5 (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the provision and installation of
6 capital equipment, including ~~the upgrading of the fire alarm system for compliance~~
7 ~~with requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act~~ air-conditioning and
8 heating equipment, the installation to include all necessary associated repairs and
9 renovations.

10 (4) An annual State tax is imposed on all assessable property in the State in
11 rate and amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds, as and
12 when due and until paid in full. The principal shall be discharged within 15 years
13 after the date of issuance of the bonds.

14 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the
15 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a
16 matching fund of \$300,000. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided,
17 either directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or
18 unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real property, in kind
19 contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any
20 dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify
21 as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the
22 Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2001, to present evidence
23 satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If
24 satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact to the State
25 Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan shall be expended for the purposes provided in
26 this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund
27 certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

28 (6) (a) Prior to the issuance of the bonds, the grantee shall grant and convey
29 to the Maryland Historical Trust a perpetual preservation easement to the extent of
30 its interest:

31 (i) On the land or such portion of the land acceptable to the Trust;
32 and

33 (ii) On the exterior and interior, where appropriate, of the historic
34 structures.

35 (b) The easement must be in form and substance acceptable to the Trust
36 and the extent of the interest to be encumbered must be acceptable to the Trust.

37 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
38 June 1, 1999.

